

# exploration



the essence of the human spirit.

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# The Vision for Space Exploration

The fundamental goal of this vision is to advance U.S. scientific, security and economic interest through a robust space exploration program

- Implement a sustained and affordable human and robotic program to explore the solar system and beyond
- Extend human presence across the solar system, starting with a human return to the Moon by the year 2020, in preparation for human exploration of Mars and other destinations
- Develop the innovative technologies, knowledge, and infrastructures both to explore and to support decisions about the destinations for human exploration
- Promote international and commercial participation in exploration to further U.S. scientific, security, and economic interests



# **Exploration Strategy Outline**

- Re-establish competencies for crewed lunar and interplanetary flight spirals
  - Ultimate architecture not known a priori
  - Stepping stone "spiral" approach to design and develop a "System-of-Systems"
  - Lunar testbed incrementally validates systems and operations concepts
- Robotic precursors identify locations of interest and demonstrate technologies
- Extend capabilities and reduce dependence on logistics train
  - Enable affordable and sustainable exploration of Mars
  - Open new commercial opportunities for products and services



# **Exploration Systems Spiral Objectives**

- <u>Spiral 1</u> (2008-2014)
  - Provide precursor robotic exploration of the lunar environment
  - Deliver a lunar capable human transportation system for test and checkout in low Earth orbit
- Spiral 2 (2015-2020)
  - Execute extended duration human lunar exploration missions
  - Extend precursor robotic exploration of the Mars environment
- Spiral 3 (2020-TBD)
  - Execute a <u>long-duration</u> human lunar exploration campaign using the moon as a testbed to demonstrate systems (e.g., Lander, habitation, surface power) for future deployment at Mars
- Spiral 4 (~2025-TBD)
  - Execute human exploration missions to the vicinity of Mars
- Spiral 5 (~2030-TBD)
  - Execute initial human Mars surface exploration missions



# **Preparing for Mars Exploration**

### Our Moon as a test bed

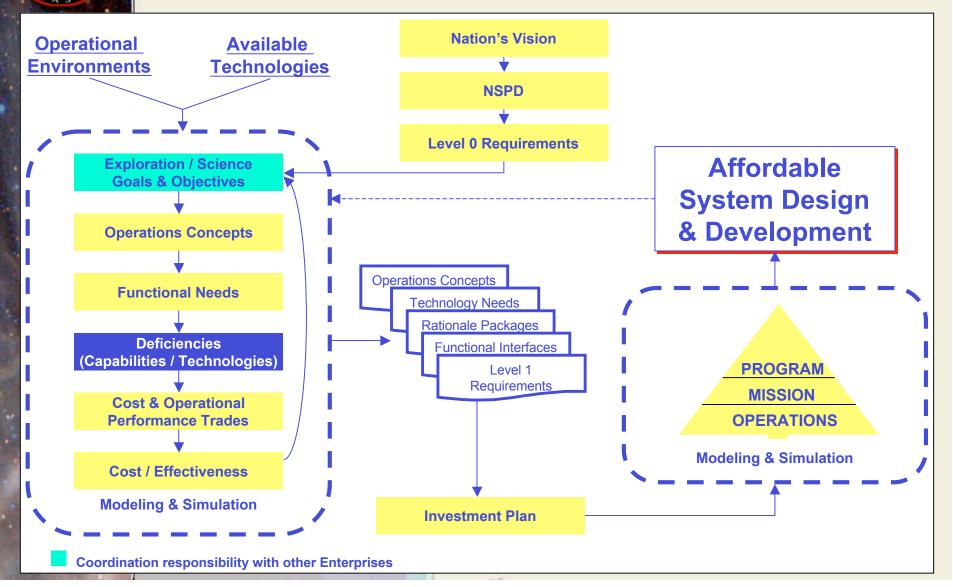
- -Technology advancement reduces mission costs and supports expanded human exploration
- -Systems testing and technology test beds to develop reliability in harsh environments
- Expand mission and science surface operations experience and techniques

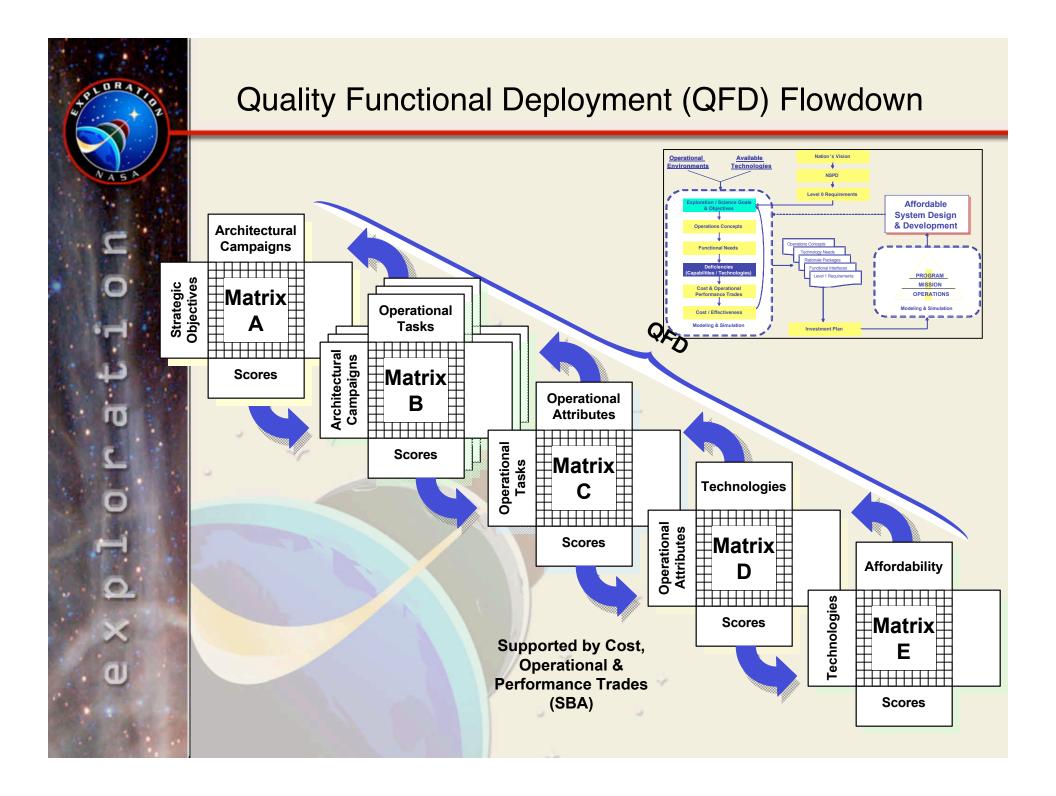


- -Human and machine collaboration: Machines serve as an extension of human explorers, together achieving more than either can do alone
- -Breaking the bonds of dependence on Earth: (e.g., life science/closed loop life support tests)
- Power generation and propulsion development and testing
- -Common investments in hardware systems for Moon, Mars and other space objectives



# Strategy-to-Task-to-Technology Process







## Requirements Development Flowdown

#### **Broad Trades**

#### **Architectural Variants** (Examples)

- Moon Short Stay
- Moon Long Stay
- Global Access
- Single Site
- Multiple Sites
- High-Earth Orbit Libration Points
- · Mars Orbit
- · Mars Short Stav
- · Mars Long Stay

### **Technology Infusion** (Examples)

- Chemical
- Nuclear
- Fuel Cells
- Solar
- ECLSS Closure
- Open Loop
- Storables Cryogenics
- Thermal Protection Breakthroughs
- **Operational Concepts** (Examples)
- Pre-Deploy
- All-Up
- Lunar Orbit
- Libration Point Tandem
- Surface Stay Abort Options

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- Staging Altitude
- Staging Strategy

**Safety** 

**Effectiveness** 

**Extensibility** 

**Affordability** 

## **Focused Trades**

### **Architectural Variants** (Examples)

- Launch Constraints Plane Change
- Return Strategy
- Tandem / Convoy
- Staging Altitude
- Surface Strategy

## **Technologies & Sensitivities** (Examples)

- Propellants
- Power
- · Crew Size
- Surface stay
- Payload Down
- Payload Returned
- Launch Frequency · Radiation Shielding
- (Examples)
- Lunar Short Stay
- Lunar Long Stay
- Polar / Equatorial
- Global Access
- **Mission Capture** 
  - Libration
  - Mars Staging Mars Return

## **OAG/STT Decision Panel**

**Concept of Operations and Draft Requirements** 



# **Preliminary Findings To Date**

- Low-Lunar Orbit (polar) rendezvous superior staging location, as compared to Earth-Moon Libration (L1):
  - Can enable anytime return (via plane change) for lower total velocity
  - Lunar orbit variant reduces gross mass by ~20%
  - Provides better energy split between CEV and lander (smaller lander)
  - Shorter total mission duration and less crew exposure to deep space
- Low-Lunar Orbit rendezvous with anytime return capability can enable global access with limited surface stays
  - Long-duration polar or equatorial missions
  - Short-stay missions anywhere on the surface
- Earth Departure Stage (EDS) should be used to perform lunar orbit insertion
  - Unlike Apollo, launch capabilities will be most likely be constrained
  - Earth Departure Stage provides higher performance, resulting in lower total mass
  - Decouples CEV/EDS design thus simplifying CEV (return propulsive maneuver only)
- Electric propulsion can help reduce mass required to deliver cargo
  - Reduces gross total mass but increases dry mass
  - Not applicable for crew delivery (CEV), only applicable for cargo deployment



# **Preliminary Findings To Date**

- Single crew module all the way to the lunar surface
  - Severe mass penalty (2 times higher)
  - Packaging and layout issues
  - Better metrics if CEV is in-space vehicle only
    - Earth-to-LEO transportation provided separately
    - Additional assessments in work
- Dual-pass aerocapture at Earth return may improve operational flexibility
  - Potential operational benefits (landing site phasing) for little mass penalty
  - Packaging and number of critical events detract from FOM evaluations (further assessments required)
- In-Situ Propellant Production may offer benefits for future spirals
  - Potential of reducing total mass, but requires significant infrastructure emplacement
  - Determination of technology availability, safety, infrastructure emplacement requirements, and economic affordability is necessary



## **Architecture**

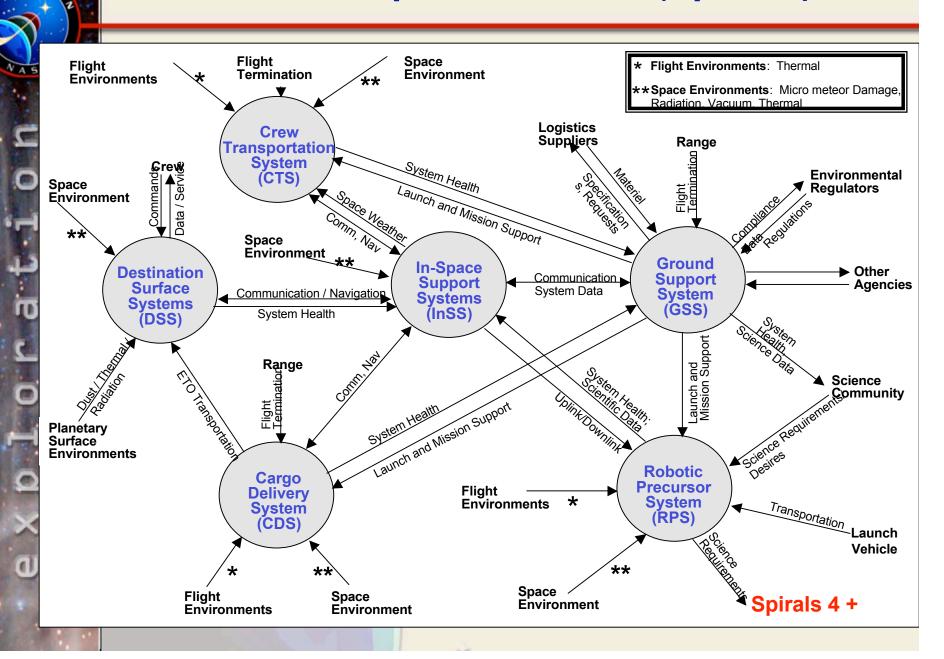
## Definition: Architecture?

- An architecture is an instantiation of a collection of required capabilities into a set of elements collectively known as a "system of systems"
- Architectures which satisfy a "level 1" set of requirements can be defined by a common set of parameters
- Architectures can also be defined in such a way that figures of merit of interest (eg., cost, schedule, reliability, technical performance) can be generated and compared in any arbitrary order

## What is the purpose of a Point-Of-Departure architecture?

- The POD architecture was a means for RQ to establish the technical feasibility/validity of "level 1" (capability) requirements on a short schedule without penetrating to "level 2" (design)
- It does not provide insight into the depth of the trade space afforded by the level 1 requirements so nothing can be said about its optimality as a design solution without further analysis

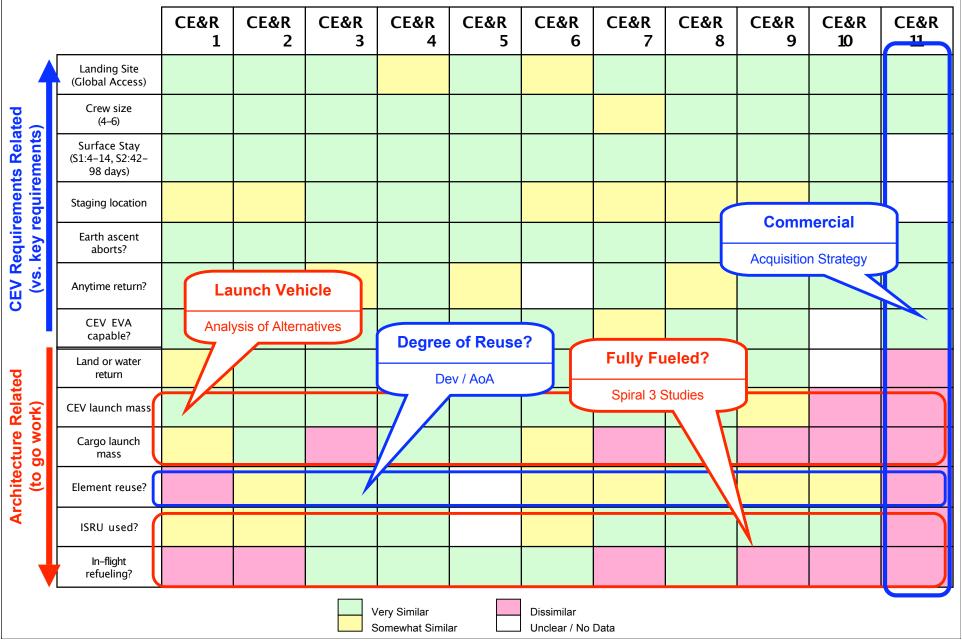
# **DRAFT Depiction of ESS (Spiral 3)**



#### **POD- Lunar Trade Architecture** MOON Earth Departure Stages CEV performs ascent Expended/Reuse plane change **Low Lunar** Expended/ **Orbit** Reuse CEV performs Lander performs CEV TEI Burn descent plane loiter 4 -EDS performs LOI change 98 days EDS performs Service Module TLI EDS LSAM **EDS** CEV **Earth Orbit** CEV crew size of 4 – all travel to lunar surface Continue Entry Missions Direct Entry capsule Water Landing 🛆 Reused? EARTH



## **CE&R** contractor mid-term summary





## **Cross-Agency Integration of Technology for Exploration**

Transit & Launch Systems for Crew Transport & Support

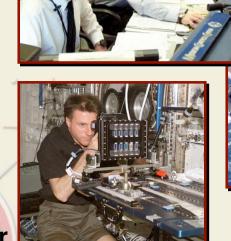
**Human Spaceflight** 

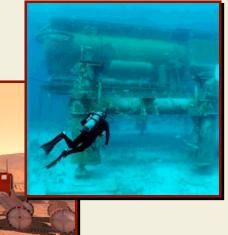
**Surface & Orbital Systems** 

Supporting Basic & Applied Research

Technology Development for Long Duration Habitation

Preparing for Future Missions Moon, Mars, & Beyond







# The Human Body in Space

## Surviving the Odyssey

### Harmful Radiation Effects

- · Tissue Degeneration
- Carcinogen Exposure

## Physiological Changes

- · Cardiac arrhythmia
- Osteoporosis

## **Acute Medical Problems**

- Toxicity
- Ambulatory Health Problems

### **Behavioral Problems**

- Disorientation
- · Sleep Problems











# One Step at a Time

## Affordable, Sustainable, Focused, Achievable

